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WASHINGTON, JAN. 14 (AP)-A NEW MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S OPERATIONS TOLD THE SENATE TODAY HE HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE AGENCY IS AN INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT.

SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., NAMED TO THE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE RECENTLY AFTER HARRY F. BYRD, SR., D-VA., RESIGNED FROM THE SENATE, GAVE HIS COLLEAGUES A BRIEF, GENERAL REPORT OF A RECENT INSPECTIONNTRIP HE MADE OF CIA OPERATIONS ABROAD.

"I FOUND NO INSTANCES OF ANY KIND WHERE CIA ACTIVITIES WERE UNCONTROLLED, OR CONTRARY TO U.S. POLICY," SYMINGTON SAID IN A PREPARED SPEECH.

SOME CRITICS OF THE CIA HAVE CHARGED IT HAS BECOME A SECRET GOVERNMENT, CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS SOMETIMES CONTRARY TO THE EXPRESSED POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

BUT SYMINGTON SAID HE FOUND "IT WOULD APPEAR DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR SUCH UNCONTROLLED ACTIVITIES TO OCCUR."

HIS BELIEF, HE SAID, WAS BASED ON "COORDINATION PROCEDURES AND POLICY DIRECTIVES STEMMING FROM THE WASHINGTON LEVEL, PLUS CONTROLS APPLICABLE TO FIELD ACTIVITIES."

HE SAID EVERY U.S. AMBASSADOR HE TALKED TO EXPRESSED COMPLETE APPROVAL OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AGENCY.

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